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**DREAM TEAM**

KORBYN RUSSELL BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
STEPHEN SPERZA BASEBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

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2024 Venetian Grand Marshals — Charlevoix Wrestling Team

Congratulations to the team and the coaches for an outstanding year!

**Wrestling Team to be Grand Marshals of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Parade**

From outer space to the wrestling mat – Venetian recognizes its more honorable citizens each year with the title of Grand Marshall. This year we're really "pinned it" as we recognize the fantastic feats of the Charlevoix Wrestling Team, led by coach Mike Hinkle.

This A-Team secured many school records - a

whopping TEN individual qualified for State Finals, including the first female (who had never wrestlers before this season!), FOUR earned All State recognition, and TWO became State Champions! Long-time friends Brady Jess and Landon Swanson both triumphed as individual State Champions at Detroit's

Ford Field in March. You will have the chance to cheer on the team Saturday, July 27, where they will be honored as this year's Charlevoix Venetian Grand Marshal in the annual Street Parade, commencing at 11 a.m. Congratulations on an incredible season, and thanks for making Charlevoix proud!

**LOCAL PROPOSALS ON THE AUGUST 6 BALLOT**

Northern Michigan counties will be asking voters to approve or deny important local spending proposals. Voters will have the chance to weigh in by August 6th.

All areas will also vote to select their party's State House nominee, along with deciding a U.S. Senate and several U.S. House primaries.

There may be local millage renewal requests collecting less than one additional mill or under \$150,000 were not included on this list.

Here are proposals on the ballot in Antrim and Charlevoix Counties.



Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the County of Antrim, Michigan, against all taxable property in the County, reduced to 244/1000 mills (\$244 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 25/100 mills (\$25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of such property for a period of four (4) years, 2025 through 2028, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of a county-wide recycling program, and shall the Antrim County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$654,963 for Antrim County in 2025.

**ANTRIM COUNTY**

**COUNTY PROPOSAL SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS RENEWAL**

This proposal being a renewal, shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of four (4) years, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028, or until altered by the voters of the County of Antrim, and the Townships and Intermediate School Districts within the County, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 6.67 mills, as follows: County of Antrim 5.40 mills Townships 1.00 mills Intermediate School Districts 0.27 mills TOTAL 6.67 mills

**PROPOSITION FOR RECYCLING MILLAGE RENEWAL**

This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will allow the County to continue to levy up to 25/100 of one mill (\$25 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of a county-wide recycling program.

This proposal being a renewal, shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan

**COMMISSION ON AGING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will allow Antrim County to continue to levy 0.40 mills (\$0.40 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operations of the Commission on Aging.

This proposal being a renewal, shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the County of Antrim, Michigan, against all taxable property in the County, reduced to 3905/10000 mills (\$3.905 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 4/10 mills (\$40 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of such property for a period of four (4) years, 2025 through 2028 inclusive, to provide operation funding for the Antrim County Commission on Aging? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$1,047,941 for the County in 2025.

**Little Traverse CROP Hunger Walk Raises Over \$24,000 for Hunger Relief**

BAY VIEW - On the morning of June 29, 121 walkers, rollers and rockers and 20 volunteers met on the Bay View Association grounds for the 2024 Little Traverse CROP Hunger Walk to raise awareness and funds for alleviation of hunger locally and globally. Walkers and wheelchair rollers braved the light rain



Some of the 140 participants in the 2023 Little Traverse CROP Hunger Walk braving the rain on the bluff at Bay View

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This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will allow Antrim County to continue to levy 0.10 mills (\$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operations of the Antrim Conservation District.

This proposal being a renewal, for the sole purpose of funding

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## weather forecast

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<b>HIGH:</b>	75	79	83	86	84	81	82	Day.....Avg HIGH.....Avg LOW.....Record HIGH.....YEAR.....Record LOW.....YEAR
<b>LOW:</b>	57	63	66	69	69	69	68	July 25.....78 ..... 56.....90 ..... 1966.....39 ..... 1984
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								July 27.....78 ..... 56.....94 ..... 1955.....38 ..... 1977
								July 28.....78 ..... 56.....91 ..... 2015.....39 ..... 1984
								July 29.....78 ..... 56.....92 ..... 1959.....40 ..... 1952
								July 30.....78 ..... 55.....97 ..... 1955.....37 ..... 1956
								July 31.....78 ..... 55.....96 ..... 2006.....38 ..... 1952

## OBITUARIES

### Karen Anne Sattelmeier, 89

Dec. 18, 1934 – July 19, 2024  
**EAST JORDAN**

Karen Anne Sattelmeier, of East Jordan and formerly of Petoskey, passed away Friday, July 19, 2024 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Her family will remember her privately.



### Andrew Lee Bearss, 43

Aug. 2, 1980 – July 21, 2024  
**BOYNE CITY**

Andrew Lee Bearss of Boyne City passed away peacefully while surrounded by his loving family on July 21, 2024, after courageously fighting Glioblastoma for the last two years of his life.

Andrew was born on August 2, 1980, the son of Norm and Alice (Bauman) Bearss. He was “lucky number 13” out of 15 brothers and sisters. He attended Boyne Falls High School and graduated in 1999.

On May 28, 2011, he married the love of his life, Stacy Amesbury, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. They made their home in Boyne City and welcomed the birth of their

two beautiful children, Brady and Braylee.

Andrew had a few different jobs throughout his life, including Magnum Hospitality, opening the Red Mesa Grill restaurant in Traverse City, and a stint at Honeywell, but predominantly he worked at John Cross Fisheries. He was well known for his incredible work ethic; some saying he did the job of three men all by himself.

When Andrew wasn't at work, he could be found at home playing boardgames with his daughter, watching the Detroit Lions, or squeezing in the occasional golf game. He loved hunting season and looked forward to going out every year with his son and his brothers. If Andrew had it his way, he would be shooting off fireworks every night after dark (another passion he shared with his son and brothers). He had so much love for his family. His children were his pride and joy and he had a special bond with his brothers.

He was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne Falls and was active in the Knights of Columbus. He liked calling BINGO with his friend Nick Matelski at the K of C.

Andrew is survived by his wife Stacy; their children, Brady and Braylee Bearss; his siblings, Tom (Mary) Bearss, Carol (Eric) Schilling, Ed Bearss, Joseph Bearss, Father James Bearss, Roger (Heather) Bearss, Patricia (Mike) Thompson, Karen (Chip) Sanders, Joan (Jamie) Shepherd, Doug Bearss, Debbie (Billy) Church, Mark Bearss, Sharon Bearss, and Daniel Bearss; brother-in-law Ryan (Abby) Amesbury; mother and father-in-law Den-

nis and Janie Amesbury; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; and nephew Samuel Myers.

There will be a visitation at St. Matthew Catholic Church (1303 Boyne Ave, Boyne City, MI 49712) on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, July 25, 2024 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. followed immediately by a Memorial Mass officiated by Father James Bearss. Friends and family wishing to make a charitable donation are asked to give to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) in his memory.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City.



### Theresa Joan (Newville) Satmary, 80

July 26, 1943 – July 19, 2024  
**BOYNE CITY**

Theresa Joan (Newville) Satmary of Boyne City passed away surrounded by her loved ones on July 19th, 2024. Her funeral will take place at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City Wednesday July 24th at 11am with visitation beginning at 10am. Burial at Maple Lawn Cemetery with a luncheon following the service.

Theresa was born on July 26th, 1943, the daughter of Floyd and Evelyn (Poirier) Newville. She spent her whole life in Northern Michigan. Born and raised in Boyne City and then moved to Petoskey where she raised her three children; Scott (Lourdes) Satmary of Waddell, Arizona, Cheri Satmary of Glendale, Arizona and Lisa Satmary of Boyne City, Michigan.

Theresa retired after 35 years from McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital. She finished her career at Water Street Inn in Boyne City. Theresa had many hobbies, enjoying music and playing piano for many years. Her first gig was at the little red brick church on Grant Street. She took pride in the many gardens in her yard. She loved to play cards with her friends and family. She was also passionate about reading and could complete several books in a week. Later in life she took up knitting, making socks for all of her beloved granddaughters, Elizabeth Hoffman (Kevin Moran), Brittany Satmary and Kainani Kalilimoku.

She is also survived by her brothers Doug (Joyce), Tracy her twin (Edna) and Alan (Susan) Newville; sister, Cindy (Kirk) Kujawski; and sisters-in-law Shirlee Suter and Dottie Newville. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers Gary, Bruce and Floyd Jr.

Memorials can be made to the Boyne District Library and the Boyne Valley Garden Club.

### Glenn “JR” Weldon Jr., 60

March 16, 1964 – July 15, 2024  
**CHARLEVOIX**

Glenn Donovan Weldon Jr. “JR” of Charlevoix passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 15, 2024.

He was born on March 16, 1964, the son of Glenn Sr. and Patricia (Wilmot) Weldon.

JR graduated from high school and went on to attend college for a short time. He worked several jobs over the years – most recently as a handyman for Wilmot Electric. JR was a fairly private person, but those who knew him will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his step-father, Harold Elrich; his step-mother, Carolyn Weldon; three step-brothers, Brent Clark, Dean Clark, and Brad Clark; two step-sisters, Darla (Matt) Gore, and Pam Tilden; and two nieces, Ellie and Autumn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

JR's family has chosen to celebrate his life privately.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com



### Dolores “Elaine” Simonsen, 94

Oct. 24, 1929 – July 22, 2024  
**CHARLEVOIX**

Dolores “Elaine” Simonsen passed away Monday, July 22, 2024. She was born October 24, 1929 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Ankney) Adair.

Known to most as “Grandma”, Elaine was loved by everyone that met her warm smile. She loved spending time at the family bakery, Simonsen's, making pies and visiting with friends. Her family has wonderful memories of their annual camping trip to the U.P. where she was always prepared with anything they could possibly need. Grandma loved spending time with her grandkids, whether it was teaching them to swim in Florida or tending her garden in Michigan. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

On January 22, 1947, she married Donald Simonsen in Angola, IN, who preceded her in death in 2006. Elaine was also preceded in death by her daughter, Nancy Chambers; her siblings, Gordon, James, Duane, David, and Betty; and her grandson-in-law, Jesse. Their two sons, Daniel and Jim survive, along with their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jeremy Simonsen of Elmira and his daughter, Hailey, Crystal (Kevin) Schroeder of Newberry and their children, Addison and Kade, Alanna (Anthony) Schnell of Horton and their daughters, Ashlin and Ava, Lara Albrecht of Kalamazoo and her daughters, Heidi (Elsie) and Jessie, Tracy (Thomas) Meyer of Lake Zurich, IL and their children Jacob, Maxwell and Abigail.

A funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, 109 Elm St., Charlevoix, MI 49720, with pastor Chip Sauer officiating. Friends may visit with Elaine's family from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. until the time of services at 11:00. Elaine will be laid to rest in Undine Cemetery.

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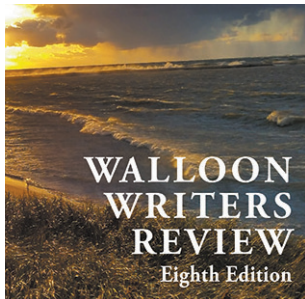
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For more information about this independent literary magazine, guidelines, and how to submit, visit [www.walloonwriters.com](http://www.walloonwriters.com). The deadline for submissions is August 30, 2024. All submissions are accepted via [Submittable.com](http://Submittable.com).

Since its founding in 2014, Walloon Writers Review has provided a safe harbor where writers and photographers celebrate the sights and sounds of Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Co-editors Jennifer Huder and Glen Young welcome contributors to continue to highlight the river bends and hilltops, as



STRINGS ATTACHED

## Ellsworth Concerts On The Square Welcomes 'Strings Attached'

The pavilion in the Ellsworth Community Square will welcome the "Strings Attached" rock cover band in concert on Wednesday, July 31st at 7:00 PM.

This high energy Classic Rock band with its unique mix of vocals will perform hits from the 60's to the 2000's. Get ready to dance and enjoy the music from this five-person talented group. Be sure to bring your own chair or blanket. Snacks, popcorn and water will be available from the Ellsworth Pig Roast Committee at the concert.

The summer series of Concerts on the Square is proudly sponsored by the Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority. They are free of charge. In case of rain, the concert will be moved inside to the upstairs of the Banks Township Hall.

The final concert of the season will be held on Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 PM featuring the Fog Horn Jazz Band!

For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce 231-536-7351 or [info@ejchamber.org](mailto:info@ejchamber.org).

### COMMUNITY LEADER

# ANNIE OOSTHUIZEN

## WHAT COULD WE HAVE DONE BETTER?

BY JOHN KEYSER

Annie Oosthuizen and her husband, Cole, are the owners of The Clothing Company in Charlevoix, actually third generation owners.

Annie is from Charlevoix, Cole from Chicago, and she went through our school system, ran cross country with Mary and Ken Plude as her coaches and she still gets emotional thinking about the values she gained from them. Annie then on to North Central College in Naperville, IL. She studied graphic design, and upon graduating, she joined a marketing agency in Naperville.

Annie and Cole met in college, then decided to move to Denver, and Annie could work remotely with the marketing agency. After nearly two years, Annie's mother, Jacqueline Dipert, decided that she would sell The Clothing Company and Annie, and Cole, moved back to Charlevoix to learn the retail clothing business and to purchase the store. Thankfully, as it is a true asset to our community and they are all about participative leadership and encouraging ideas from others. They joined The Clothing Company in 2018, but their plan was delayed by COVID, and they completed the purchase in 2022.

I had such a wonderful conversation with Annie, learning her leadership principles and practices, as examples,

- Think about our crew members first
- Try to make decisions as a group when we can
- Improve every day, even small improvements are important



Cole and Annie Oosthuizen. Photo credit: Mike Murphy IV Photography

- Whether a success or not, always analyze "What could we have done better?"
- Keep caring about each other
- Think big picture
- Always show someone that we genuinely care
- Our goal is not making as much money we can, rather our goals are treating our crew members well, asking for their ideas, and happy customers

I was impressed that Annie asked questions, lots of them, during our conversation.

She is a learner! All great leaders are!

Annie is about to have her first child, actually is due in late July. Fortunately, she will be able to take some time off as a few months ago they hired Laura Kelly as their Team Leader, as Laura herself is knowledgeable, dependable, cares about her crew members, and contributes ideas, e.g., what can we do better and how can we improve?

Annie, Cole, and Laura each have humility – and humility is the foundation of growth!

Loving living here and contributing to our community and helping those fortunate to live here are who Annie is. She is a regular volunteer at our Food Pantry, serves on the Board of our Charlevoix Down-

town Development Authority, Charlevoix Housing Commission, and she helps with our elections.

Thank you, Annie Oosthuizen, for being the person you are! I am very glad I now know you!

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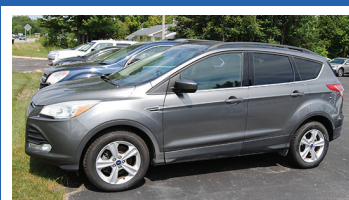
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## 'WORSHIP ON THE FARM' celebrates its sixth year the weekend of August 2-4, 2024

All are welcome to come and hear encouraging worship bands and messages from well-loved, local pastors under the large revival tent at Berg's farm, 9888 Major Douglas Sloan Road (Old 31 North), Charlevoix. Beginning at 6pm Friday, August 2nd, this multi-denominational ministry will host inspirational groups and speakers, like; the Harbor Light worship team, Second Story,

Brad Stuart and Mighty Joe, Pastor Matt Burek, Pastor Brant Cole, Lyl Dia, Life Worship, Josh Mayes, Lisa Millen from Women At Risk, Keryx worship team and more. Please bring your lawn chairs, coolers, or other comforts.

Kids Zone has plenty of activities for the young people on Saturday. Ending with a family bonfire for good conversation, ministry and 'mallows! Bring your

guitar if you'd like to take a turn with campfire sing-along songs.

The prayer tent will be open all weekend, people are encouraged to, come and ask for prayer.

There's a food truck on-site and plenty of room for rustic camping by donation Berg's farm is located at 9888 Major Douglas Sloan Road (Old 31 North) in Charlevoix. You may call 231-622-3732 with camp-

ing questions.

Hear a Message of Hope during 'Worship on the Farm' Friday through Sunday August 2-4, 2024

This FREE inter-denominational event is a gathering of Local people singing, praising, gaining encouragement in the word and finding HOPE in Jesus Christ the Lord.

- Ministry Spotlights: Worship teams & Well-loved Pastors
- On-going Prayer Tent & Fellowship
- Kids Zone on Saturday - lots of activities!
- Bon fire Saturday night
- Food Truck on-site
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Location: Berg's Farm, 9888 Major Douglas Sloan Road (Old 31 North), Charlevoix, Michigan

Begins: Friday Aug. 2nd, 6 PM

Saturday Aug 3rd, 1 - 10 PM

Sunday Aug 4th, Keryx Worship team 2pm, Speaker Lisa Millen from W.A.R. (Women At Risk)

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### LEADERSHIP

## Boosting Our Inner-Confidence

BY JOHN KEYSER



John Keyser

A past issue of Atlantic Magazine had an insightful cover article entitled Closing the Confidence Gap.

They aptly describe, in general, the difference in the natural confidence levels of women and men. Men's generally higher level of confidence can often be an advantage and women's generally lower level is often limiting for them. (a personal note: To me, this is way more accurate in Corporate America than it is up here in Northern Michigan)

In my experience in business and my leadership consulting and coaching work with many hundreds of people, I have certainly seen this dynamic. I have often said that I wish I had a confidence pill I could offer many of the women, and some men, with whom I've worked with, as I know how much they have so very much to offer. I know that a little confidence boost would make their ideas and contributions more visible, and would definitely improve the results of their businesses.

Lesser confidence is can definitely hold back many talented women and men.

There is no magic confidence pill. But like with so many goals and aspirations, we can begin to move ahead with small actions and mindsets. We can definitely feel better about ourselves with these simple actions, which are in no order. Each is helpful.

- being well groomed
- dressing neatly
- being prepared
- contributing ideas
- always being early
- calling people by their names
- taking a genuine interest in others
- getting others to talk about themselves
- smiling
- standing tall
- walking purposefully
- exercising
- eating well
- assuring that our spirituality is a priority
- getting adequate rest
- staying in touch with family and friends, including old friends
- contributing to our communities
- definitely being in a positive frame of mind and a

source of positive, and only positive, energy. Thinking positively!

Being a great teammate and encouraging and helping others definitely are huge helps.

These may seem like the basics, and they are. Yet, often progress towards what we want to achieve begins with the basics, even what might be considered baby steps. Even baby steps change our mind set as we are positively moving forward.

How can leadership help? Yes, catch people doing good work, and acknowledge, e.g., "Good job, thank you". Be specific about what we liked.

It is amazing how "Hey, you are good at that, nice work." is a boost to one's confidence.

Cathy Becker, a former colleague, an HR professional, and a great friend, recently said to me

"Leadership is how we help others feel about themselves." This is an insightful description.

Will these actions and principles guarantee confidence to succeed in business? They will sure help - a lot!

Self-confidence helps us step up, share our ideas, and even volunteer to take on important and difficult assignments.

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, Chicago and DC, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic, and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute. Kerry teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.

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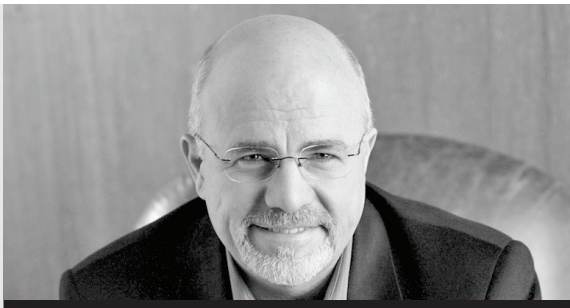
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## DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

### When You Know Better, Do Better

Dear Dave,

I've made a lot of stupid money mistakes in the past. Even though I finally paid off six figures in debt a few years ago and am in control of my finances for the first time in my life, I'm having a hard time forgiving myself for all the dumb things I did. I have an emergency fund and other savings set aside, and I'm almost ready to buy a house. But it seems like there's still a cloud hanging over my head from all my bad decisions. How do I stop obsessing over my past financial mistakes?

— Brea

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that you've spent more time making the wrong decisions with money than you've spent making the right ones. That's understandable. But time will help heal that struggle. It'll distance you emotionally from the old you until you're confident in the new you—not just in your actions, but in your heart and mind. I mean, think about it this way: If you violated trust with a friend, how would you rebuild it? First, it would take time. And second, it would take a series of trustworthy actions.

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I think you've developed a pretty good track record of being smart with your money, Brea. So cut yourself some slack. If God is willing to forgive us for the really bad things we say and do, you need to be able to extend a little grace to yourself for the dumb things in your financial past.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," the second-largest talk radio show in America. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS Mornings," "Today," "Fox News," "CNN," "Fox Business" and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as the CEO of Ramsey Solutions.



Registration is now open for the 2024 annual Mark Mellon Triathlon, scheduled to take place on August 10 at Otsego Lake County Park. Courtesy photo

## Mark Mellon Triathlon & 5K - August 10th

BY DAVE BARAGREY

The 2024 annual Mark Mellon Triathlon, scheduled to take place on August 10. It will start at 8am and finish around 11am at Otsego Lake County Park.

Organizers note that, "Participants are registering daily for this year's Mark Mellon Triathlon & 5k. You won't find a more fun-filled, family oriented, grassroots event. We will have racers from beginners to elites. Giveaways, awards, and prize money."

The Mark Mellon Triathlon was initiated by Dennis and Judy Mellon as a loving tribute to their late son Mark, tragically killed in a motorcycle accident. A budding young athlete,

Mark was only 16 at the time. The first event was in 1980, making it the oldest triathlon in the state.

Proceeds from the Mark Mellon Triathlon are utilized to help with funding for the Gaylord High School cross country team. The team provides assistance at the event, helping to direct athletes where to go on the bicycle and running courses, as well as water stops along the running course.

Triathlon events include a 750 meter swim in Otsego Lake Park swim area, a 20k bicycle race around the lake, and a 5k run that follows a course north from the County Park to turnaround on Fowler Lake Rd. The Sprint Triathlon Relay may be 2 or 3 person teams. The Kayak Triathlon (1 mile paddle,

20k bike, 5k run) and the Kayak Triathlon Relay may be 2 or 3 person teams. Wetsuits will be allowed.

The average water temperature this time of year is about 75 degrees. A 5K run race will take place right after the triathlons start the bike leg.

There will also be a Kids Swim & Run starting at 10am, featuring a 100 meter swim and a half-mile run.

Awards will be presented at 10:15am as soon as Kids Swim/Run finished. They will include:

- Top 3 overall male and female in Sprint Triathlon will receive prize money
- Top male and female in the Kayak Triathlon
- Top male and female in 5k will receive prize money
- Top 3 in age groups will

receive award in both Sprint Tri, Kayak Tri & 5k - 15 & under, 19 & under, 20-29, 30-39, etc.

All Kids Swim/Run participants will receive an award.

The cost to participate in the triathlon is \$75. All other race entry fees can be found at the link below. Early signup with discounted rates ends July 31. Registration closes on August 8, 11:59pm EDT. The Kids Swim/Run participants are Free (must still sign waiver of liability).

To register go to <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/Events/MI/Gaylord/Mark-MellonTriathlon5K>

If you have any questions or concerns please contact [smithd@gaylord.k12.mi.us](mailto:smithd@gaylord.k12.mi.us).

## Voters to decide on four millage proposals August 6

BY KAREN WALKER

Charlevoix County residents will decide on four county-wide proposals in the primary election on August 6th. Each proposal seeks to renew funding for essential services that impact the community's well-being and infrastructure.

One of the proposals would renew the county-wide road millage. This proposal reestablishes the previous 1 mill road millage. The road millage was originally passed by Charlevoix County voters some 15 years ago and expired this past December. In that length of time, the millage rebuilt more than 70 miles of heavily traveled roads in every part of the county through the completion of 25 separate construction projects. The roads reconstructed were those that needed help the most, the highest traffic volume roads most worn out and benefited the most people. The average

improvement was about 2 3/4 miles long, the longest being the Boyne City-Charlevoix road at 10 miles, and the shortest being Chandler Hill road at a length of 1 1/4 miles. The millage has generated more than two million dollars a year, with three-quarters of the money going to county roads, and the balance to city streets. While the county millage addressed the main roads, the 15 townships also helped the county system through their local millages by funneling more than a million dollars a year through the Road Commission to upgrade their respective local systems through a variety of improvement projects. However, the 70 miles of improvements to the main paved roads can be attributed to the county-wide millage.

This millage is crucial for maintaining and improving the county's road infrastructure. If voters approve this proposal, it would raise an estimated \$2,962,615 in

2024. The funds would be allocated to the Charlevoix County Road Commission, the Cities of Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan, as well as the Village of Boyne Falls, ensuring that roads across the county receive necessary attention and upgrades.

If Charlevoix County voters renew the millage at the August 6th primary election, Road Commission officials say they can look forward to a continuation of the past program, whereby rough, worn-out roads most in need of help will be rebuilt to the newest standards.

The second proposal seeks to renew the .65 mills senior millage. This proposal aims to renew the current .6356 mills and restore the .0144 mills rolled back by the Headlee Amendment. Approval of this proposal would generate an estimated \$1,925,700 for Charlevoix County in 2024, supporting services and programs for the county's senior residents.

The third proposal on the ballot addresses the renewal of the .15 mills recycling millage. This millage, which supports the county's recycling programs, expired after the December 2023 levy. The proposal renews the current .1466 mills and restores the .0034 mills previously rolled back. If approved, the recycling millage would raise an estimated \$444,392 in 2024, ensuring that Charlevoix County continues to promote and support recycling efforts.

The final proposal on the ballot aims to reestablish the .75 mills for Grandvue Medical Care Facility, previously approved by voters but expired after the December 2023 levy. The new proposal seeks to renew the existing .7334 mills and restore the .0166 mills previously rolled back. If approved, this millage would generate an estimated \$2,221,962 in 2024, providing vital funds for Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

## WALK

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

to complete 3 or 1 mile courses around Bay View. The event raised \$24,400; one quarter of these funds will go to the Manna Food Project of Harbor Springs, with the remainder supporting the national and international relief and refugee resettlement initiatives of Church World Service (CWS), which holds over 500 CROP walks in the United States each year.

The Little Traverse CROP Walk started and ended at Evelyn Hall, where walkers were serenaded by Pat Sehr accompanied by Jim Barnes (piano), Andy Elleson (drums) and Steve Zawisa (saxophone). Before walkers set

out, Carrie Klingel Smith, executive director of Manna Food Project, spoke of Manna's efforts to address rising food insecurity in Emmet, Charlevoix and Antrim counties, and Rachel Kessel shared insights from her recent travels to Tanzania where CWS has a project to increase food security of families by providing them with chickens. Walkers had a choice of one- or three-mile loops around the Bay View grounds. Upon returning to the starting point, CROP walkers were greeted with more music, ice cream provided by Corner Scoops, and opportunities to talk with the representatives from Manna and CWS.

Walkers from Harbor Springs Presbyterian Church, Epsilon Community Church, and several

Petoskey Churches (Emmanuel Episcopal, First Presbyterian, St. Francis Xavier, and Cross of Christ Lutheran) joined Bay View residents in the walking and fundraising. Major organizational sponsors (\$250 or more, in decreasing order) were Harbor Springs Presbyterian Church, Bay View Association, Epsilon Community Church, Bill's Farm Market, Ward and Eis Gallery and Stone Funeral Home. Additional sponsors (in alphabetical order) include Alfie's Attic, Auto Service Specialists, Bay View Inn, Brown Motors, Carl F. Powers O.D. PLLC, Conway Towing, Corner Grocer, Dave Kring Chevrolet, Dentistry by the Bay, Fletch's GMC, Graham Real Estate, Hamill's Floor Covering, Julienne Toma-

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Planning is underway for the next Little Traverse CROP Hunger Walk, which is scheduled for the last Saturday in June – June 28, 2025. Those interested in organizing a team of walkers (from a church, business or service club, for instance) or providing business or organizational sponsorship (through a monetary or in-kind donation) are invited to contact Rob Scarrow at [rscarrow@icloud.com](mailto:rscarrow@icloud.com).

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## Northern Michigan Gospel Music Festival

August 2 & 3 at the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers grounds, on US 131, three miles north of Boyne Falls. Both Friday and Saturday nights run from 6pm - 10pm.

Friday night groups will be: The Foresters, from Nashville, TN, The Maendel Family from Petoskey, The Thurstons from Holt, MI, Gloria Lynne from Atlanta, MI, and The Paul Family Blue Grass band from western UP in Michigan.

Saturday night groups will be: Souls Harbor, The Maendel Family, Chosen, The Thurstons, and The

Walkers, all from Michigan.

Each night ends with all the groups on stage singing together. This is a highlight for many.

Covered pavilion, bench seats or bring your own comfy chair, food concession, Kids Korner with activities. No admission charge. Free will offerings each night. Camping with limited electric (no AC) \$30 for the weekend, with or without electric. Camping is for those attending the NM Gospel Music Festival only. For more information: mngmf.blog or call 231-347-1888

## Charlevoix Pool renewal millage up for vote on August 6

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool, a non-profit organization, is asking voters to vote August 6 on a renewal of the millage that provides 45% of the pool's annual funding. The Pool has had two successful millage votes in the last 20 years. A typical homeowner pays from \$35 to \$75 a year in taxes to support the pool. Tax revenue is essential to keep pool program fees affordable for area residents.

The Charlevoix Pool is open to everyone with no annual fee and pay-per-visit pricing. The Pool provides activities for all ages. Seniors are heavy pool users participating in lap swimming, aqua exercise classes and independent adult fitness. About 400

local children receive swim lessons or water safety classes annually. For most children, this is the only swim instruction they receive as students. Families enjoy fun pool events like the Aqua Egg hunt and open swim where pool toys are allowed. The pool also has a new swim team coach who is restarting the Stingray Swim Team this fall.

Voters will find the pool millage listed on the back side of ballots in the City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township and Charlevoix Township. The millage is listed under the heading "Authority". The Recreational Authority, made up of officials from these municipalities, oversees the collection and disbursement of the pool millage.

## Charity Golf Events for Local Youth

There are two upcoming charity golf events aimed at supporting the children of Charlevoix, Emmet, and Antrim Counties.

On August 2, at The Mallard Golf Course in East Jordan, there are two events to provide local youth with enriching experiences on the green. The first event is an all-day free driving range, with golf pros available from 9-10 AM to coach and improve their swings.

Additionally, we are

offering limited free greens fees to children aged 10-17 from the same counties, allowing them to enjoy a day of golf without financial barriers.

We believe these events will positively impact our community's youth and would be grateful for your support in spreading the word. Please let us know if you would like further details or if there are specific aspects you'd like us to elaborate on for a potential news story.

## A biology major pulls out the guitar

### Traveling singer reflects on musical journey

BY KATE DELANEY

Most graduating college students choose a career to pursue, but Hanna von Bernthal's career picked her first.

Known under her stage name, Hanna von B, she has been playing musical gigs as a full-time job since September 2023. She described her style of music as a mix of folk and Americana tunes.

During this winter, von Bernthal lived out west, playing music in Arizona and Colorado cities.

She has been performing at venues all over Northern Michigan this summer, including Charlevoix, Walloon Lake, Ellsworth, Bellaire and Traverse City.

But being an aspiring performer wasn't on her bucket list.

"My whole life people always would ask me to play for them, and I always pushed back," von Bernthal said. "I was maybe like, shy about it, or just the pressure of coming from a family of musicians made me want to rebel."

Von Bernthal grew up watching her dad play drums in a band around the Metro Detroit area. She added that he was good at making every instrument available to her and the siblings. At the age of ten, she picked up a guitar and learned how to play it.

While piano lessons and middle school choir were a part of her younger years, von Bernthal said she didn't



Hanna von Bernthal plays at Barrel Back Restaurant in Walloon Lake.

take a music class again after middle school and gravitated towards sports like volleyball and soccer.

"[Playing guitar] was just something that I enjoyed doing for myself," she said. "And it was a fun way to accommodate singing, which is something I've always loved to do but also only ever did for myself, really."

Fast forward to von Bernthal graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in ecology and evolutionary biology. She found herself traveling in Asia and taking a gap year in Colorado to be a ski instructor.

While she had planned on going back to graduate school for a career in research, von Bernthal found a passion and joy in the days of teaching kids, being

in the outdoors and forming a community out west.

One gap year turned into three years, in which she taught sailing, skiing and snowboarding.

Three years ago, von Bernthal moved to Northern Michigan. Last September, she was randomly offered an opportunity to play at the Hotel Earl in Charlevoix and declined it.

"I went home and reflected on why I would say no to a paid gig in music," von Bernthal said. "I realized that it was mostly out of fear, and I decided I would rather push myself out of my comfort zone and give it a shot."

A one-time gig quickly turned into more opportunities.

Within three months, von Bernthal said she had enough venue performance

offers to quit her other jobs and fully focus on music.

During this time, von Bernthal noticed a huge shift in how she approached life. Describing herself as more of an introvert, she said that stepping into a spotlight she had been actively avoiding affected the dynamics in her relationships.

"It really shifted my mindset from being more introverted and soft-spoken to being able to, you know, take up space in a room and voice my opinions," she said.

Von Bernthal has tried her hand at the pen, writing lyrics for her own original music. She has never performed any of these songs live but is now interested in the idea of sharing them with her listeners.

What inspires her is more than just a chord or lyric.

Von Bernthal said her greatest passion is finding common threads with people and having a shared human experience with them.

"I do face that uncertainty and not really knowing what's to come, but I kind of find that exciting," she said. "And the people that know me best, probably, would tell you that that's an integral part of who I am is finding the unknowns of life to be exhilarating and inspiring."

To view a full list of her upcoming shows in Northern Michigan, visit her website at <https://juke.band/han-navonb>.

## 'Union Guns' In East Jordan, Friday, July 26

The extremely popular, highly followed and loved "Union Guns Band" will be on the Memorial Park Bandshell Stage, Friday, July 26 th beginning at 7:00 PM. The Grand Rapids based band features classic rock, county, southern rock and rock music and will have the audience dancing, clapping and singing along! Band members include: Jake Mellema- lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Scott Gentry – drums and backing vocals, Frank Pop – bass and backing vocals and Douglas James – lead guitar and backing vocals.

Their songs are a well-rounded mix of eclectic



UNION GUNS BAND

country mix with a pop edge.

Friday's Concert will conclude the Music in the Park Series for the season. Be sure to get to East Jordan early and enjoy shopping, dining and visiting our many attractions

including the Jordan Art Walk, Don and Eileen Klein Boardwalk/Trail, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Jordan River Arts Council and more.

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, Jordan River Arts Council

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# MOSES

Howdy there, the name's Moses. I'm sure you can tell by my picture, but I am a sophisticated elderly gent. I may be new to CAHS but I'm not new to shelter life. I came from the big city and found myself at this nice little place with many friendly faces. I get to go for plenty of walks (which I'm really good at by the way) and they give me LOTS of treats and cookies. It's really not a bad gig, but I'm looking for something permanent at this point in life.

I do well with not going to the bathroom in my kennel, I can hold it for hours if needed. I also don't mind most other dogs and I'm impartial to cats so long as they leave me alone. I'd say I'm a pretty good catch, what do you think? Stop by and meet me and maybe we'll create a lifelong friendship!

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## 2020 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM

**East Jordan's Jayden Weber selected Player of the Year**

**Charlevoix's Marc Sroufe is Coach of the Year**



Jayden Weber.



Coach Marc Sroufe

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Another great season of basketball for our Northern Michigan area. While there continued to be strides made in each program of our coverage area this season, "What If" still lingers in regards to the Division 3, regional championship opportunity that was ahead of the Charlevoix girls basketball team when the season was halted. The Rayders put together the best season in the area over the winter months, finishing 15-5 overall, going a perfect 14-0 in Lake Michigan. See ALL-AREA BASKETBALL - Page 1B

## CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 3 & 4, 2020 City votes to Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations

**BY KAREN WALKER**

The Charlevoix City Council held a special meeting last Friday, April 3rd, to consider an ordinance restricting the use, operation and licensing of lodging establishments within the City. The virtual meeting was held online and by phone via Zoom with approximately 40 people participating.

City Manager Mark Heydlauf and City Attorney Scott Howard first presented the emergency ordinance to council members to "Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations during the State of Emergency" in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19.

After much discussion, Council members directed the City Attorney to make some changes to the proposed ordinance as initially presented, causing the Council to hold a second meeting the following day, Saturday, April 4th. The revisions included restricting the use of hotels and motels, and ensures travelers staying at these establishments are there for essential services. Further, the ordinance requires all essential businesses comply with health and sanitation practices outlined by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

City Mayor Luther Kurtz pointed out that Charlevoix values its seasonal residents, and the city is trying to keep everyone safe. The City Attorney informed Council members that the city has both the right and obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizenry and the ordinance is absolutely an important step towards protecting its residents.

Excepted from the ban are rental units used to house economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of the emergency, and people with disabilities. Rentals may also be used to house persons working in COVID-19 mitigation and containment efforts and critical infrastructure workers so long as they comply with the Governor's executive orders relating to COVID-19.

The Charlevoix City Council feels that continuing to allow short term rentals would promote the movement of people, exacerbating the spread of COVID-19. And adoption of the Emergency Ordinance is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

While several meeting attendees voiced concern over enforcement of the ordinance, it ultimately was approved with a lone dissenting vote cast by Councilman Greg Bryan. The ordinance aligns with Governor Whitmer's executive order issued on March 23rd and will be in effect for 61 days or until the governor's executive order, or subsequent orders, is lifted, whichever comes first.

**Health Department offers drive-through testing at Fairgrounds**

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Emmet County, Northern Michigan Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan, the Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the Petoskey Department of Public Safety will be offering appointment based, drive-through testing at the Emmet County Fairgrounds beginning Wednesday, April 1st. Testing will be scheduled from noon - 4pm Monday through Friday for patients 12 and older. This testing facility is for individuals who have seen their primary care provider, have been determined to meet the criteria for testing, and have a lab slip. The drive-through testing facility will utilize a recently approved FDA testing method with nasal swab.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has created a statewide hotline for COVID-19. The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-635-6138. Additionally, the Health Department has a Public Health Information Phone Line - 1-800-386-6568 and email publichealthinfo@nwhealth.org.

**East Jordan Family Health Center employee receives positive Coronavirus test**

On April 1, 2020, an East Jordan Family Health Center employee was confirmed as having a positive Coronavirus test. The employee has been quarantined at home since March 25th, 2020 and is doing well with mild symptoms at this time. Direct colleagues of this employee have been under "delegated" self-monitoring" since March 25th and will continue for a minimum of 14 days. This individual had a history of downstate Michigan travel and was involved with a large group setting.

The Belleire and East Jordan Family Health Centers have taken similar measures to prevent the transmission of Coronavirus within their facilities. The health center will continue these daily prevention efforts and will continue to monitor the Coronavirus situation in our workplace and throughout northern MI. As a result of these proactive measures, employees and patients of Belleire and East Jordan Family Health Centers remain at a low risk for exposure to the Coronavirus.

All staff of the Belleire and East Jordan Family Health Centers will continue to strictly adhere to PPE, social distancing and handwashing guidelines, both at work and home, to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

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## ALL-AREA BASEBALL DREAM TEAM NAMED BY CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS



### KORBYN RUSSELL BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR STEPHEN SPEIGL NAMED BASEBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

BY GREG GIELCZYK

There was some great baseball played in Charlevoix County this year.

Two of the Charlevoix Rayders that made it to the final 4 were named First Team All-State in Division 3 after the dust had settled on Lumen Christi's 9-1 defeat in the state finals.

Korbyn Russell, a left handed pitcher for the East Jordan Red Devils, recorded 157 strike outs on the season to average 15 per seven innings, which puts him third all-time in the state regardless for all four divisions, finished 10-3 with a 1.91 earned run average and was selected as the Charlevoix County News Player of the Year.

Rayder Bryce Johnson was named first team all-state by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, who in the words of Rayders coach Stephen Speigl was "a lights out pitcher."

That could be interpreted to mean that Johnson turned the lights out on the opposition's hitters, who found little success when he was throwing pills to the plate.

He finished the season with 98 strike outs and sparkling 0.670 earned run average, while leading the Rayders with a .971 fielding percentage over 62 2/3 innings. Opponents batted a miniscule .130 against him.

Charlevoix's Aiden Speigl who also named first team all-state by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association went a remarkable 29-for-29 in stolen base attempts, and showed incredible patience at the plate and struck out just twice. He topped the team with a .460 batting average with two home runs and 36 RBI. He also collected 29 walks.

Troy Nickel caught a team-leading 118 innings this



Korbyn Russell fires a fast ball. In Motion Images

season, and also helped anchor the Rayders' defense playing short and the outfield when needed. He was the team's leadoff hitter all season.

Ryan Pearl was a team captain for the Rayders, and topped the team with 13 doubles and was according to coach Speigl "one of the most electric players in the

region." He had a .371 batting average with 34 RBI and 21 runs scored.

Owen Waha was a force on the mound as well as in the batter's box for the Rayders this season, leading the team in most every offensive category.

East Jordan is also represented on this all-area team by outfielder

Brendan Aenis, who finished the season 45-for-45 in total chances for a 1.000 fielding percentage, hit .348 with 27 runs batted in, 26 runs scored, one home run, one triple and 10 doubles.

"He is a great defensive player," said Grybauskas. "He reads the ball very well off the bat, and has a sure glove. He has a big arm from the outfield, and threw a number of runners out.

"Most teams would not even try to get an extra base if the ball was hit to him. Brendan was also one of our strongest batters, and tore it up in the second half of the season, batting over .500 in that period."

Red Devils second baseman Jacob Haley also made the all-area team. A number of times he made a play that prevented an opponent from getting a base hit, and came on at the plate as the season went on, finishing with a strong second half to compile a .311 average with 16 RBI and had a .978 fielding percentage.

Ryder Malpass had a strong season behind the plate as the Red Devils catcher, after being moved around a bit early in the season, and finished with a .309 batting average with 15 RBI, 14 runs scored and a .986 fielding percentage.

Lucas Stone was a model of consistency for East Jordan, keeping his emotions on a level plane while winning a number of big games on the mound as the Red Devils' second pitcher and was 6-3 on the season with a 3.09 ERA, racking up 67 strike outs in 64 innings.

Boyer City's representatives on the all-area team are Kacey Gray, who finished with a 3-6 pitching record with 81 strike outs against 19 walks, gave up 11 earned runs and had a 1.76 ERA. Other Ramblers that were named to the all-area team are Sullivan Cadarette and Anderson Ward.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR Korbyn Russell

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Any coach will tell you that if his or her team is successful it's because everyone contributed in some way, pulling together to reach the heights and that's certainly true.

But some players just produce bigger numbers, whether it be on the pitcher's mound, on defense in the field or in the batter's box on offense.

Sometimes, especially in high school ball where players don't usually specialize in any one position but move all over the diamond, one player stands out above all the others.

That turned out to be the case with East Jordan senior Korbyn Russell, who was dominant most of the season in helping lead the Red Devils to a district championship and 23-11 record, with a season that will be hard to duplicate.

Russell, a left-handed pitcher, recorded 157 strike outs on the season to average 15 per seven innings, which puts him third all-time in the state regardless for all four divisions, finished 10-3 with a 1.91 earned run average and was selected as the Charlevoix County News Player of the Year.

It was enough to earn Russell a scholarship to play baseball for Michigan State next spring, but he did more than just pitch for the Red Devils.

"He's good," East Jordan coach Adam Grybauskas said. "It

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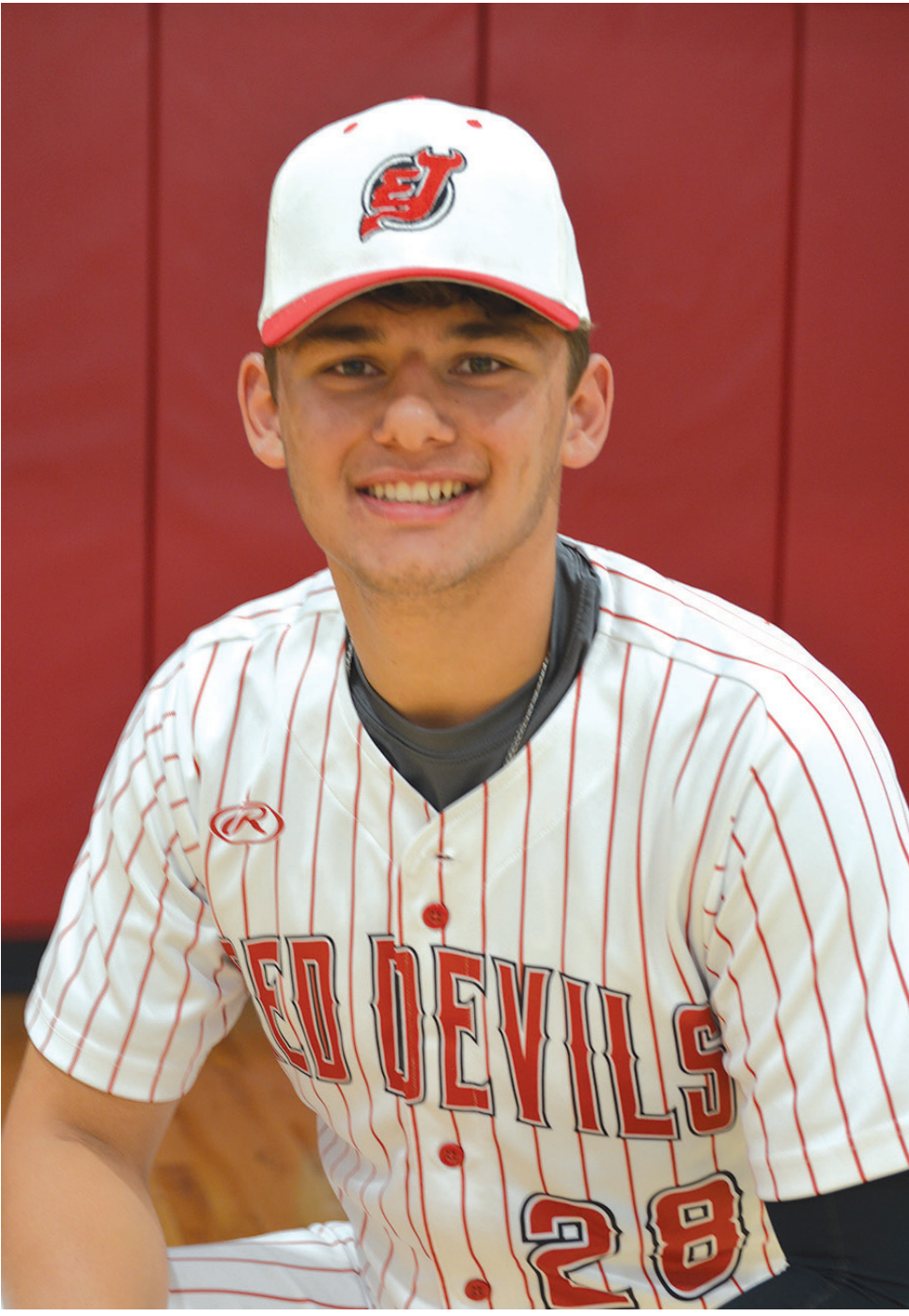
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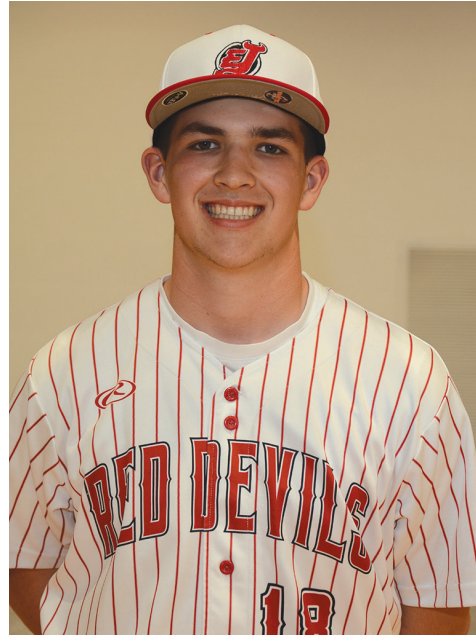
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sounds simple, but he has really good stuff. He's a hard throwing lefty. He has a good slider a good curve.

"The one thing I saw out of him this year, maybe more so than last year, is he just seemed calmer and more composed on the mound.

"A year older, a year more experience, he knew what he needed to throw and was confident in his pitches."

Russell, a first baseman as well, was East Jordan's best all-around hitter, finishing with a .396 batting average with four home runs, 12 doubles and 25 runs batted in.

"He hit the ball hard," Grybauskas added. "He went through a little slump otherwise his average would have been really high. He's a really good defensive first baseman (76-for-76 on chances).

"Everyone talks about his pitching, because he's really good at that, but he's a really good baseball player. He's not just a guy on the mound, he's a guy that can play ball."

## BASEBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

# Stephen Speigl

BY GREG GIELCZYK

It was so close, they could almost taste it. Charlevoix's baseball team seemed to be on the verge of pulling out a thrilling win in the state semifinals, but instead fell one run short in a 3-2 loss to Jackson Lumen Christi.

A trip to the state finals was denied, but it couldn't take anything away from the Rayders great season that they'll always remember.

The Charlevoix County News is proud to recognize Rayders' head coach Stephen Speigl its Coach of the Year for the 2023-24 season after leading the team to its second straight district title and a 28-10 record.

"I appreciate that. The way I view it (the honor) belongs to the team, it belongs to the coaching staff," Speigl said. "Just because I fill out the lineup card, it doesn't mean that I should be any different than anybody else.

"I am humble and grateful that I was along for the ride."

While it is true that no one can do everything alone, especially a sports program of any kind, and one as successful as the Rayders' baseball program has been.

Speigl's desk is where the buck stops. He's running the show, but certainly with the assistance of outstanding people who make it go a lot smoother.

"I always fall back on the team always gets the win, and I always get the loss," Speigl said. "The way I view my personal record (is) zero wins, 11 losses, because I

didn't get them ready for those games.

"It's my job, and it's the coaching staff's job to prep them for each game. It's our job to hand them information, challenge them and hope for the best."

Charlevoix lost in the regional finals last year, and many of those same players returned.

"They are a fantastic group to be coaching," Speigl said. "They make it easy. Our community support was unbelievable. The businesses that fly their banners in the outfield to support the team."

What made this year turn out to be a special one?

"I think the maturity of making the playoff run last year," said Speigl. "We returned a lot of players from that team. I get input from people I trust, and we have open discussions.

"We set aside feelings. These are the facts, this is what we see. We get a group consensus, and we move from there. You learn a lot over the years."

The Rayders are hoping to take that next step to a state title next year.

# Sports

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## AuSable River Canoe Marathon returns Saturday

BY BEN MURPHY

The time canoe racing fans have been waiting for all year is upon us. Race week for the Consumers Energy AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The historic 76th version of the race begins on Saturday in Grayling, as paddlers begin their non-stop voyage for Oscoda.

“It is definitely crunch time,” Ryan Matthews, one of the many event organizers said.

“I think it is going to be a pretty exciting race. It is a culmination of many months of hard work from a handful of volunteers for the Oscoda and Grayling committees and all the volunteers come out of the woodwork for race week to put on an excellent event and an excellent race for racers and spectators alike.”

After a record field of 110 last year, the entry number is down slightly this year, to 102 as of Monday morning.

“110 was the most all time, that was impressive,” Matthews said. “What I find intriguing is there are a lot of prominent paddlers and longtime veterans who are sitting out this year, who just needed a year off and we are still over 100 teams. That shows the sport is growing.”

The marathon is of course canoe racing’s greatest sufferfest.

The annual race begins Saturday at 9 p.m. on the streets of Grayling, where two man canoe racing teams begin in a LeMans-style footrace. They’ll carry their canoes over four blocks to the river, near the Old AuSable Fly Shop.

Teams frantically place their canoes in the water there, then head non-stop for Oscoda, which they expect to reach 14-to-19 hours later and six dam portages later.

The race concludes at Finish Line Park, near the AuSable Inn. Just finishing the 120-mile race is a great



Paddlers run the streets of Grayling at the start of the 2023 Consumers Energy AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Over 100 teams are entered for the 2024 race, which begins Saturday at 9pm in Grayling. Photo by Ben Murphy



Photo Credit: Brian Preuss, Consumers Energy

accomplishment for most teams.

Last year Wes Dean of Traverse City (formerly of Grayling) and Steve LaJoie, of Maribol, QC, won the race with a time 14 hours 23 minutes and six seconds, nearly three minutes ahead of the second place canoe. That was Dean’s first career marathon victory and LaJoie’s 13th.

Dean will be joined this year by Grayling’s Ryan Halstead, who won the marathon back in 2016.

Dean and Halstead have won twice already in Oscoda this year; at the Klondike Challenge in April and the Curley Memorial earlier this month. The duo is expected to compete for the title in this year’s race, but they’ll be met with plenty of top competition.

Danny Medina of Roscommon and Logan Mynar, of San Antonio,

TX should be fast as well, proving it by winning Sunday’s Spike’s Challenge in Grayling. Mike Davis of Homer and Guillaume Blais of Saint-Boniface, QC; Blais won the marathon in 2022 with LaJoie and he and Davis proved to be fast at the Spike’s Challenge, taking third.

“Ryan and Wes have been the favorites all year, but they lost at Spike’s to the team who took second at the Curley, so it could be a two or potentially a three boat race depending on how Mike and Guillaume do. I still think Wes and Ryan are the favorites, but after the Spike’s race, the gap narrowed.”

There are two other former marathon champions in the field. Matt Meersman, of South Bend, IN won in 2021, and will compete with Jake Crotser of Somerville, SC this year.



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Andrew Triebold, of Grayling, is a 12-time champion and will be competing with his 15-year-old daughter Nico Triebold, also of Grayling.

All things considered, there are many teams who have a realistic path to victory.

“There isn’t an overwhelming favorite like there has been, it does feel wide open which is really exciting,” Matthews said. “It has the whole canoe community buzzing with speculation on who is going to end up where and the whole top 10 is extremely competitive, just like last year.”

As for the top women’s team, Michele Laprade of



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Cantley, QC and Cecilli Bugge of Roscommon could finish at the top.

There are four total women only teams this year.

“They are the overwhelming favorite in the women’s division,”

Matthews said. “They were 26th at Spike’s and I imagine they will be somewhere in that range for the marathon. I expect all four teams to finish, but Michele and Cecilli are definitely the favorites there.”

## THE ENIGMATIC LOON: EXPLORING ITS NATURAL HISTORY

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

The haunting call of the loon echoing across serene northern lakes is a quintessential sound of the wilderness. These majestic birds, known for their striking appearance and distinctive vocalizations, belong to the family Gaviidae and are predominantly found in North America and Eurasia.

Let’s delve into the fascinating natural history, biology, rearing of young, and habitat requirements of these iconic creatures.

### Natural History and Biology

Loons are large, water-fowl birds characterized by their sleek bodies, dagger-like bills, and webbed feet positioned far back on their bodies—adaptations that make them superb divers and swimmers. Their plumage is predominantly black with striking white markings, often in patterns that vary among species. Loons are built for aquatic life, with powerful legs that propel them underwater where they hunt for fish, their primary diet.

One of the most distinctive features of loons is their haunting calls, which serve multiple purposes



such as territory marking and communication with their mate and offspring. Their eerie, echoing cries resonate across lakes in early mornings and evenings, contributing to their mystical allure.

### Rearing of Young

Loons are monogamous during the breeding season and typically return to the same breeding grounds each year. Breeding pairs engage in elaborate courtship rituals, including synchronized swimming and vocal displays. Once paired, they build their nests close to the water’s

edge or on floating vegetation.

The female usually lays 1-3 eggs, which both parents take turns incubating for about 25-30 days.

After hatching, the young chicks, covered in downy feathers, are precocial—meaning they are relatively mobile and can swim soon after birth. However, they rely on their parents for protection, warmth, and food, primarily fish, which the adults catch and bring to them.

The chicks grow quickly under their parents’ care, gaining strength and learning essential survival skills

such as diving and foraging. By the age of 10-12 weeks, they are capable of flight and begin to explore their surroundings more independently.

### Habitat Requirements

Loons are highly adapted to life on freshwater lakes, preferring clear, deep waters with abundant fish populations. These habitats provide them with the necessary resources for feeding and nesting. They are particularly sensitive to disturbances during their nesting season, which occurs in late spring and early summer. Human activities such as

boating and shoreline development can disrupt their breeding success, making conservation efforts crucial for their survival.

Conservationists emphasize the importance of preserving large, undisturbed tracts of habitat for loons, ensuring that these iconic birds have access to suitable breeding grounds and sufficient food sources. Efforts also include monitoring water quality and minimizing human disturbance in critical nesting areas.

Threats and Conservation Despite their adaptability, loons face several threats to their survival. Habitat loss and degradation, pollution, lead poisoning from ingesting fishing tackle, and disturbance from human activities pose significant challenges. Climate change is also affecting their habitats, altering lake temperatures and fish distributions.

Conservation measures focus on protecting nesting sites, educating the public about the importance of preserving loon habitats, and advocating for policies that reduce human impacts on their environments. Organizations like the Loon Preservation Committee in North America work tirelessly to monitor populations, conduct research, and implement conservation strategies.

### Conclusion

Loons represent a captivating intersection of natural beauty and ecological significance. Their graceful presence on northern lakes and their haunting calls evoke a sense of wilderness that resonates deeply with those who encounter them.

Understanding their natural history, biology, rearing of young, and habitat requirements is essential for ensuring their conservation and the preservation of the habitats they depend on.

By appreciating and safeguarding these majestic birds, we not only protect a symbol of pristine wilderness but also contribute to the broader effort of conserving our natural heritage for future generations to cherish and enjoy.

In essence, the loon serves as a poignant reminder of the delicate balance between human activity and the preservation of our planet’s diverse ecosystems.

As stewards of the environment, it is our responsibility to ensure that the haunting calls of the loon continue to echo across our lakes for generations to come.



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## Ordinance #262-B

**An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of East Jordan, by adding new Chapter 9**

**THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**Chapter 9 Part of the Code of Ordinances for the City of East Jordan is hereby added, to read as follows:  
Chapter 9 Short Term Rentals**

*An ordinance of the City of East Jordan regulating various aspects short-term rentals*

### Section 1: Purpose

The City Commission declares the rental of dwelling units in the City of East Jordan provides value to our local economy. The City Commission recognizes the importance of available housing units for year-round/full-time residents. The City Commission has enacted this regulatory ordinance to strike a regulatory balance between the interests of community residents, business owners, visitors, and property owners.

The community has different expectations for noise, occupant loads, and transient activity in its residential neighborhoods than it does in other zoned districts. The renting of a home on a short-term basis is substantially more like a business than traditional residential use.

### Section 2: Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings hereafter ascribed to them:

*Basement:* That portion of a building partly below grade, but so located that the vertical distance from the grade level to the basement floor is greater than the vertical distance from the grade level to the basement ceiling.

*Bedroom:* A room intended for sleeping or placement of a bed separated from other spaces in the dwelling unit by one or more functional doors. The following spaces do not qualify as bedrooms: Kitchens, dining areas, gathering spaces such as living rooms, dens, family rooms and attics or basements without egress meeting standards in applicable building, residential and fire codes.

*Short Term Rental Business Unit:* A residential dwelling unit that may be rented for more than 14 interrupted days or less than twenty-eight (28) uninterrupted days in a calendar year. Rentals longer than thirty (30) consecutive days in duration are not classified as a business unit per this chapter.

*Dwelling Unit:* A permanent building or structure providing complete independent living facilities used for a home or residence by one or more persons who maintain a household, either permanently or transiently. In cases of mixed-use occupancy, where a building is occupied in part as a dwelling unit, the part so occupied shall be deemed a dwelling unit for the purpose of this chapter. Does not include Bed and Breakfasts, timeshare/fractional ownership, hotels and motels, and boarding houses.

*Short Term Rental Local Agent:* An individual designated to oversee the short-term rental of a dwelling unit in accordance with this ordinance. This individual is required to respond to calls and complaints.

*Short Term Rental Personal Unit:* A residential dwelling unit rented for no more than a total of fourteen (14) days per calendar year when the owner is not present or unlimited when the property owner is present and living on the premises

*Short-term rental Unlimited Zone:* A overlay map that shows the areas within the city where Short Term Rentals are allowed by right.

*Short term rental "STR":* The rental of a dwelling unit for compensation for a term of one to twenty-nine (1-29) interrupted or uninterrupted nights in a calendar year.

*Zoning Administrator:* The person appointed by the City Commission who shall carry out various functions of this chapter and enforce duties and responsibilities as specified in this chapter.

### Section 3: Location of Short-Term Rentals

Short Term Rentals will be allowed by right in areas of the city shown in the short-term rental unlimited zone. The "Unlimited Zone" will be reviewed at the will of the City Commission with input and recommendation by the City Planning Commission. Commission will allow up to 32 STR's outside of the unlimited zone area with an unlimited amount within the unlimited zone.

A. Short Term Rentals being in existence and rented more than fourteen (14) days before November 1, 2020 but out of the unlimited zone will be grandfathered in and allowed to remain a Short-Term Rental. These units will follow the ordinance and fall under the same requirements as all other Short-Term Rentals.

### Section 4: Registration and Licensing Requirements

A. All dwelling units, except those which may be assessed at 100% (PRE) principal residence exemption, used for short-term rentals for more than fourteen (14) days per calendar year shall be registered and licensed with the City as stipulated in this ordinance.

B. The advertisement or rental of an unregistered dwelling unit for a total 14 interrupted or uninterrupted days or more during a calendar year is prohibited.

C. Registration and licenses shall be issued by calendar year.

D. All short-term rental registrations and licenses shall expire in one year and must be renewed on January 1 st of each calendar year.

E. When a short-term rental property is sold, upon purchase of a STR, a new homeowner must apply with the City to transfer the current STR permit within 60 days or the STR will be forfeited and must be re-applied for. Licenses will revert to the City after expiration, sale, revocation or twelve (12) months of non-activity and will be redistributed according to this chapter.

F. The Zoning Administrator shall develop a form(s) to properly carry out this ordinance. The registration form shall collect not less than the following:

- Name, address and telephone number of the property owner and/or local agent for the dwelling unit;
- The street address of the dwelling unit, along with other identification if more than one dwelling unit has the same street address;
- The number of bedrooms in each dwelling unit and in the dwelling as a whole;
- The number of days the dwelling unit is expected to be available for short term rental each calendar year;
- A statement certifying that the property owner or a local agent will provide at least one copy of the safety materials as approved by the city to the renters each time the dwelling unit is rented;
- A statement indicating which year the dwelling unit was first used as a short-term rental, and for how many days it was rented in the previous calendar year; and g. A list of all websites and other media where unit is advertised

G. Upon determination that a STR applicant has met all registration and regulation requirements, a license shall be issued by the Zoning Administrator.

H. There shall be a fee for registration collected at the time of registration. Commission shall set a fee(s); such fee(s) may vary depending on the type of property, dwelling, or other distinction Commission may deem advisable.

I. Once allowable STR's are reached within the outside of the unlimited zone, a wait list will be established. One (1) name per parcel can be added to the wait list at a time.

- Any new registrations/licenses granted after the January 1 st renewal date will be prorated for the remaining months left in the year at the current annual registration fee rate.

### Section 5: Registration Process and Procedure

A. New applications will be considered in order received.

- Applicants with whose principal residence exemption is in the City of East Jordan will get preference and be moved to the top of the list of new applicants.

B. The Zoning Administrator is empowered to develop a method for registration in accordance with this provision and approved by the City.

C. Short-term rental shall follow applicable regulations found within the East Jordan City Code.

### Section 6: Types of Short-Term Rentals

A. Personal units. Personal units may be rented for periods of not less than 2 days up to a total of 14 days per calendar year when the owner is not present. Personal units are properties with a Homestead exemption and owner occupied.

- An owner can register only one personal unit. Additional units under one ownership must be registered as a business unit.

B. Business units. Business units may be rented without restriction on days rented per year.

### Section 7: Regulations

A. Local agent required. All dwelling units used for short-term rentals shall have a designated local agent.  
B. Contact information posted. A notice shall be posted in a prominent location within any dwelling unit used for short-term rentals stating the name of the local agent, a 24-hour telephone number with which the agent can be reached.

C. Compliance with codes. The dwelling unit must meet all applicable International Building Maintenance Codes, Health Department, Nuisance and Safety Codes as necessary to protect the safety of occupants.

D. Noise and nuisance. Noise during quiet hours must be limited to that which does not disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities. The city's Noise Control Ordinance shall apply.

E. Fireworks. Fireworks of any kind are not allowed on rental property, except in accordance with the city's Fireworks ordinance.

F. Maximum occupancy. Short-term rentals shall be permitted maximum occupancy of 2 persons per bedroom plus two persons per finished and legal floor for dwelling as described in the registration and as may be verified by inspections from time to time.

a. No rental shall be permitted for more than 10 persons.

b. No dwelling unit used as a short-term rental may be built or modified hereafter to exceed limitation of 10 persons as described above.

G. Parking Restrictions. Parking may not interfere with travel on roadway or with neighboring properties.

H. Advertising. No person shall advertise a short-term rental, unless the property fully complies with this ordinance.

### Section 8: Revocations, Appeals and Civil Infraction

A. Revocation procedure. The written notice of the charges and the notice of the hearing shall be personally served on the owner or agent or served on the owner by certified mail, restricted delivery, not less than 21 days before the hearing before the Zoning Administrator.

a. Upon a finding by the Zoning Administrator of a first violation within any twelve (12)-month period, the short-term rental registration may be cited with a civil infraction citation and fined up to \$100.00.

b. Upon a finding by the Zoning Administrator of a second violation within any twelve (12)-month period, the short-term rental registration may be cited with a civil infraction citation and fined \$250.00 and shall be suspended for 30 days and during said time; the premises shall not be utilized for a short-term rental.

c. Upon a finding by the Zoning Administrator of a third or subsequent violations within any twelve (12)-month period, the short-term rental registration may be cited with a civil infraction citation and fined \$500.00 and shall be revoked and the owner or local agent who had been issued the short-term rental registration shall not again be issued a short-term rental license under that ownership name and the premises shall not be utilized for a short-term rental.

B. A minimum of a twenty-one (21) day notice will be given to owners and agents for any suspensions. Appeal from denial or suspension or revocation of a short-term rental registration is allowed.

C. Appeal Procedure. Upon a determination by the Zoning Administrator that the registration of a dwelling unit is subject to revocation pursuant to division (A)(c) above, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a notice to the owner, agent and all property owners within one hundred (100) feet of the registered STR stating that the city intends to revoke the rental registration.

a. The notice shall inform the owner and local agent of a right to a hearing to show cause as to why the registration should not be revoked. If a hearing is requested and the fee is paid within fourteen (14) days of the service of the notice, the city shall schedule the hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals and notify the owner and agent in writing of a time and place for that hearing.

b. At the hearing, the owner and agent may present evidence that the requirements for revocation provided in division (A)(c) above are not satisfied, or that the property owner and agent should not be held responsible for one or more of the three requisite violations due to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances may include circumstances that the owner or the owner's agent could not reasonably anticipate and prevent, and could not reasonably control.

c. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall independently determine whether there is competent, material and substantial evidence establishing a violation of this division (C), and/or whether there is competent, material and substantial evidence establishing that extenuating circumstances exist.

Section 9: Supersede previous provisions

Upon approval of this chapter, this chapter shall supersede the provisions contained within any other Ordinance Chapter.

### Section 10: Enactment

This ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after its adoption and publication.

Date: 7-16-2024

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MiPMC  
City Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: SHERMAN, MILLER, REID JR., PENZIEN, LINDENTHAL AND SLADICK

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: GILLESPIE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ADOPTED: July 16, 2024

PUBLISHED: July 25, 2024

EFFECTIVE: August 1, 2024



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that, a public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Evangeline Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Evangeline Township Hall, 02746 Wildwood Harbor Road, Boyne City MI 49712 to review and consider proposed amendments to the Evangeline Township Zoning Ordinance summarized as follows:

- **Section 5.01 – Glenwood Beach District (GB)**
  - **Section 5.01.2 – Allowable Buildings and Structures: Add “Sand and Gravel**  
Excavation Operations for up to one thousand (1,000) cubic yards of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use by right.
  - **Section 5.01.3 – General Development Standards – Glenwood Beach District:**  
Insert new section titled “Allowable uses subject to Special Use Permit” and add “Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations for one thousand (1,000) cubic yards or more of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use subject to a Special Use Permit.
  - Renumber subsequent subsections.
- **Section 5.02 – Pinehurst District (P)**
  - **Section 5.02.2 – Allowable Buildings and Structures: Add “Sand and Gravel**  
Excavation Operations for up to one thousand (1,000) cubic yards of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use by right.
  - **Section 5.02.3 – General Development Standards: Insert new section titled**  
“Allowable uses subject to Special Use Permit” and add “Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations for one thousand (1,000) cubic yards or more of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use subject to a Special Use Permit.
  - Renumber subsequent subsections.
- **Section 5.03 – Kriegerville District (K)**
  - **Section 5.03.2 – Allowable Buildings and Structures: Add “Sand and Gravel**  
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  - **Section 5.03.3 – General Development Standards: Insert new section titled**  
“Allowable uses subject to Special Use Permit” and add “Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations for one thousand (1,000) cubic yards or more of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use subject to a Special Use Permit.
  - Renumber subsequent subsections.
- **Section 5.04 – Springwater Beach District (SWB)**
  - **Section 5.04.2 – Allowable Buildings and Structures: Add “Sand and Gravel**  
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  - **Section 5.04.3 – General Development Standards: Insert new section titled**  
“Allowable uses subject to Special Use Permit” and add “Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations for one thousand (1,000) cubic yards or more of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use subject to a Special Use Permit.
  - Renumber subsequent subsections.
- **Section 5.05 – Walloon Lake District (W)**
  - **Section 5.05.2 – Allowable Buildings and Structures: Add “Sand and Gravel**  
Excavation Operations for up to one thousand (1,000) cubic yards of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use by right.
  - **Section 5.05.3 – General Development Standards: Insert new section titled**  
“Allowable uses subject to Special Use Permit” and add “Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations for one thousand (1,000) cubic yards or more of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use subject to a Special Use Permit.
  - Renumber subsequent subsections.
- **Section 5.06 – General Residential District (R-1)**
  - **Section 5.06.2 – Allowable Buildings and Structures: Add “Sand and Gravel**  
Excavation Operations for up to one thousand (1,000) cubic yards of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use by right.
  - **Section 5.06.3 – Allowable uses subject to Special Use Permit:**  
Reword purpose statement to include provisions of Article VII. Add “Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations for one thousand (1,000) cubic yards or more of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use subject to a Special Use Permit.
- **Section 5.07 – Mixed Use District (MU)**
  - **Section 5.07.1A – Development Option:**  
Insert provision for two or more lot types and uses listed in Section 5.07.2 and/or 5.07.3.
  - **Section 5.07.2 – Allowable Uses for High-density Land Development:** Insert multiple family dwelling types, increase number of clients of daycare facilities to seven, add Home Occupations, modify existing wording.
  - **Section 5.07.3 – Allowable uses subject to Special Use Permit:** Reword purpose statement to include provisions of Article VIII. Insert commercial mixed-use types and add reference to Section 8.02.
  - **Section 5.07.4 – Developable Area:** Insert provisions for internal open space.  
Renumber subsequent subsections.
  - **Section 5.07.5 – Lot Types and Other Uses:** Retitle to “Reserved.” Relocate language to previous subsections.
  - **Section 5.07.18 – Allowable Building Types – Civic Building Lots:** Insert new subsection titled “Allowable Building Types – Cottage Court Home Lots” and purpose.
  - **Section 5.07.19 – Dimensional Standards – Civic Building Lots:** Insert new subsection titled “Dimensional Standards – Cottage Court Home Lots” and dimensional standards.
  - **Section 5.07.20 – Other Specific Standards – Civic Building Lots:** Insert new subsection titled “Other Specific Standards – Cottage Court Home Lots” and specific standards.
  - **Figure 5.07-5 Dimensional Standards Civic Building Lots:** Insert new figure and new title “Dimensional Standards Cottage Court Home Lots o Renumber subsequent subsections and figures.
  - **Section 5.07.21 – Commercial Mixed-Use areas:** Remove frontage requirement on Boyne City/Charlevoix Road, include provision for uses allowed by right or special permit, remove 2 acre maximum, and remove mention of specific uses.
  - **Section 5.07.22 – Dimensional Standards – Commercial Mixed-Use areas:** Add provision for increased building height where a floor is designed and used for residential uses and add a required minimum of 75 feet of frontage on Boyne City/Charlevoix Road.
  - **Section 5.07.24 – Allowable Uses for Low-density Land Development:** Increase number of clients of daycare facilities to seven, add Home Occupations, and modify existing wording.
  - **Section 5.07.29 – Single Family Residential Dimensional Standards:** Change title to “Dimensional Standards for Low-density Land Development,” reword front yard setback and reduce setback to 25 feet, and reduce minimum setback from Boyne City/Charlevoix Road to 50 feet.
- **Section 5.09 – Recreation/Community Service District (R/CS)**
  - **Section 5.09.2 – Allowable Use:** Add “Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations for up to one thousand (1,000) cubic yards of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use by right.
  - **Section 5.09.3 – Allowable Uses Subject to Special Use Permit:** Add subsection purpose, add “Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations for one thousand (1,000) cubic yards or more of topsoil, sand, clay, gravel or similar material” as a use subject to a Special Use Permit, and renumber existing language.
- **Section 5.10.2 – Allowable uses subject to Special Use Permit:**  
Add subsection purpose and add “Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations”
- **Section 8.12 – Sand and Gravel Excavation Operations:**
  - Add purpose statement
  - **Section 8.12.D:** Add provisions to include development standards and modify subsection numbering

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance changes is available at the Evangeline Township Planning Department at 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Any written input in regard to the issues may be received in the Township Planner's office until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the public hearing or at the public hearing. For further information contact the Township Planner's office at 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712 or call (231) 582-0337. Questions and comments may also be e-mailed to [jneal@boynecity.com](mailto:jneal@boynecity.com). All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and participate in the discussion.



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BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a beautiful, hillside home on three city lots with views overlooking East Jordan.

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A wrap-around raised deck is a fantastic spot to entertain or sit back and enjoy the spectacular views. In addition to the two-car garage, the just under one-and-a-half-acre property has a handy storage shed. The location is wonderful, just a few miles from Lake Charlevoix, the Jordan River, hiking and snowmobile trails.

This beautiful, hillside home on nearly one-and-a-half acres is located at 715 Sherman Street in East Jordan and is listed at \$399,900. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty - 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email [HollysUpNorth@gmail.com](mailto:HollysUpNorth@gmail.com)



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**Should I Buy or Sell First?**

PART 1 OF 2

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If you sell first, you may find yourself under a tight deadline to find another house, or be forced in temporary quarters. If you buy first, you may be saddled with two mortgage payments for at least a couple months. You may need the money from the sale of your original home in order to pre-qualify for a loan for your new home. You may be facing a job relocation and need to sell quickly.

There are many variables involved; there is no universal correct answer. It basically comes down to your specific circumstances. Dan Gregor, a Realtor in Pickerington, Ohio, says there is generally less pressure when you sell first.

"It really comes down to risk," Gregor said. "It's whether you want the risk of owning two houses, or possibly none at all."

Gregor says that if you have the money to make two mortgage payments, the pressure is off. But if you need to sell your house in order to qualify for a loan, then you have no choice -- you'll have to sell

first. "You can write contingent contracts, but if you really want the home, you'll pay a premium -- that's if the seller will even entertain a contingent offer," he says.

And if you go ahead with a contingent offer, then you may end up settling for less for the house you're selling in an effort to get it sold quickly.

Gregor says for most people, the stress level is lower when you sell first. "You have time to get pre-approved for your mortgage and see all the housing options in the price range you'd like to buy," he said.

When your selling house is in contract, he suggests you pick the three best homes of those you've viewed and prepare to make an offer on the one that best meets your needs.

"The absolute worst that can happen is the right home isn't available," Gregor said. "You end up in a short-term rental with the cash in your pocket and pre-approved financing for the balance you need. So you look like a cash buyer when you make an offer on the home you finally decide on."

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For all non life-threatening emergencies, please call your primary care provider's office first.

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<p>Call your doctor first for routine medical care, health needs and treatments for issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All illnesses and injuries</li> <li>Unresolved pain- back, muscle, ear, abdominal, colic, urination, and vaginal</li> <li>Skin disorders and rashes</li> <li>Fever</li> <li>Cough</li> <li>Dizziness</li> <li>Sleep disturbances</li> <li>Changes in mood, feelings of depression or anxiety</li> </ul> <p>Onsite x-ray &amp; laboratory services are available at EJFH locations.</p>	<p>When your doctor isn't available and you can't wait for an appointment, an urgent care is the best next option providing primary care services and treatment for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuts and lacerations</li> <li>Sprains, strains &amp; broken bones</li> <li>Painful urination</li> <li>Back pain and muscle spasms</li> <li>Abdominal pain, vomiting, nausea, &amp; persistent diarrhea</li> </ul> <p>Onsite x-ray &amp; laboratory services are available at most locations.</p>	<p>When a medical condition is life threatening, go to the nearest hospital or dial 911 immediately, calling your doctor if time allows. Severe and life threatening conditions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chest pain and/or difficulty breathing</li> <li>Weakness or numbness on one side/slurred speech</li> <li>Severe &amp; sudden abdominal pain</li> <li>Head and/or eye injury</li> <li>Suicidal or homicidal thoughts or actions</li> <li>Assault, abuse or feeling in danger</li> </ul>

**Are you signed up for our PATIENT PORTAL?**

Messaging, Medications, Health Records and more!

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**EAST JORDAN Family Health Center**

601 Bridge St., East Jordan  
 Health Center: (231) 536-2206  
 Pharmacy: (231) 222-2235  
[EJFHC.org](http://EJFHC.org)

Help Us Help You.

# CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN FESTIVAL

## CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024



### 2024 Event Schedule

Theme: **MARGARITAVILLE**

**pre-Venetian**  
**KLJNG TENNIS TOURNAMENT**  
 Stroud Park Courts  
 Begins: July 19, Finals: July 25  
 Singles & Doubles open to all ages  
 Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

**SATURDAY - 7/20**  
**AQUAPALOOZA**  
 Beach & Boating Party  
 Ferry Beach: 12-6 pm  
 Music Commences @ 2pm  
**AIR MARGARITAVILLE**  
 Jimmy Buffet Tribute - Detroit  
**"CORNETIAN" CORN TOSS**  
 Ferry Beach: 12 pm  
 \$20/person, no double needed  
 Reg: On-site 10:30 am  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
 Ferry Beach: 12 pm  
 6 member co-ed, \$90/team  
 Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

**SUNDAY - 7/21**  
**RAYDER ROUNDBALL CLASSIC**  
 Chx Middle-High School: 9 am  
 3-v-3 teams, \$100/team  
 Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

*(Sunday continued)*  
**DISC GOLF DOUBLES**  
 Mt. McSaubra: 11 am  
 Bring a partner - best shot doubles  
 \$40 Rec Team - \$60 Advanced Team  
 Reg: On-site 10 am  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER FAIR**  
**\*NEW in 2024!\* - East Park: 5:30pm**  
**"WORKSHOP ON THE WATER"**  
 Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**SANCTUS REAL**  
 Christian Rock - Toledo, OH

**MONDAY - 7/22**  
**KLJNG YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC**  
 Stroud Park Courts, Shanahan Field: 9 am  
 Free for ages 10-18  
 Reg: On-site, free for all ages  
**COTTAGE CROQUET TOURNEY**  
 East Park: 1:30 pm  
 Reg: On-site  
**BOCCIE BALL - \*NEW in 2024!\***  
 Glass Baseball Diamond, Shanahan Field: 7 pm  
 Reg: On-site 6:30 pm

**TUESDAY - 7/23**  
**TOMMY TROPIC WORLD RECORD BID**  
 Waller Road - 6:30 am  
**JUNIOR SAILING REGATTA**  
 Depot Beach - 10:30 am  
 Ages 8-19  
 Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)  
**BINGO**  
 Castle Farms - 12 pm  
 Free & open to all ages  
 No registration needed  
 Hosted by American House Senior Living-Chx  
**CHX TWP FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSE**  
 Charlevoix Township Fire House, 4 pm  
**3-on-3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT**  
 Shanahan Field: 5:30 pm  
 Youth, High School, Adult, Over 35  
 \$50/team  
 Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Odmark East Pavilion: 7 pm  
**CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND**

**WEDNESDAY - 7/24**  
**3 CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
 Charlevoix Municipal Course: 1 pm  
 Youth - \$12/player; Adult - \$25/player  
 Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)  
**SAILING REGATTA**  
 Lake Charlevoix - Ferry Beach  
 Many Fleets: Personal boats and crews  
 Spectator Viewing 5:30 pm - dusk  
**FOOD CONCESSIONS**  
 East Park: Varies by vendor  
 Daily: Wed 7/24 - Sat 7/27  
**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
 East Park: 6-10 pm  
**TIKI TENT**  
 East Park: 6pm-Midnight  
**STRINGS ATTACHED**  
**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**  
 Downtown: 5-11 pm  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**PUB RUNNERS**  
 Irish & Folk - Gaylord, MI  
**VENETIAN ART AUCTION**  
**MISS CHARLEVOIX CORONATION**  
**FRANKIE BALLARD**  
 Country - Battle Creek, MI

**THURSDAY - 7/25**  
**CHARLEVOIX FARMER'S MARKET**  
 Bridge Park: 8 am-1 pm  
**KID'S DAY**  
 Downtown: 10 am - 2 pm  
 Free & armband activities for families  
 Armband: \$13 (scholarships available)  
**FREE MOVIE - THE LAND BEFORE TIME**  
 Charlevoix Cinema III: 10:30 am  
**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**  
 Downtown: Noon - 11 pm  
**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
 East Park: 6-10 pm  
**TIKI TENT**  
 East Park: 6pm-Midnight  
**GALACTIC SHERPAS**

*(Thursday continued)*  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**PINTER WHITNICK**  
 Classic Rock - Detroit, MI  
**GIN BLOSSOMS**  
 Alternative Rock - Tempe, AZ

**FRIDAY - 7/26**  
**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**  
 Downtown: 12-11 pm  
**BRIDGE STREET BLOCK PARTY**  
 Bridge Street at noon  
**FAMILY FUN ZONE**  
 Bridge St - North of the light, 1 - 4pm  
 Various family-friendly activities for all ages  
**CAR SHOW**  
 Bridge St - South of light  
 Noon - 4 pm  
**"PEACHES 'N CREAM" CORN TOSS**  
 Bridge Park - 1:30 pm  
 Cost: \$20/team  
 Reg: On-site Noon  
**NEW! MEET THE AIRSHOW PILOTS!**  
 Chx Airport: 1:30-3pm  
**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
 East Park: Noon - 10 pm  
**TIKI TENT**  
 East Park: 6pm-Midnight  
**WAVE DJ's**  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**IKONS OF ROCK**  
 Rock - International  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Ferry Beach: 7-10 pm  
**PINE RIVER JAZZ BIG BAND**  
 Swing/Jazz - Charlevoix, MI  
**SCREAM 'N REBELS WAR BIRDS & REDLINE AIRSHOW with FLAG JUMP**  
 Lake Charlevoix: 7:45 pm  
**"NIGHT SKY" WORLD CLASS FIREWORKS**  
 Dusk on Lake Charlevoix  
 Ferry Beach, Depot Beach, East Park

**SATURDAY - 7/27**  
**DRENTH MEMORIAL FOOTRACE**  
 Bridge St: 9 am (prior to Street Parade)  
 Family Mile, 5k & 10k - all ages  
 Reg: [venetianraces.com](http://venetianraces.com)  
**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
 East Park: 10-8 pm  
**RYAN SHAY MILE**  
 Bridge St: 10:30 am  
 Championship competition by invitation only  
**STREET PARADE**  
 Bridge St: 11 am  
**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**  
 Downtown: 12-11 pm  
**CHARLEVOIX ALL CLASS REUNION**  
 Inside Tiki Tent: 12:30-3 pm  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
**"ROCKIN' THE TOWNHOUSE"**  
 Nashville Style Street Concert  
 Bridge St, north of light: 3-6 pm  
**UNION GUNS**  
 Country Rock - Grand Rapids, MI  
**TIKI TENT**  
 East Park: 6pm-Midnight  
**KENNY THOMPSON**  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**MAC WATTS**  
 Country - Detroit, MI  
**ELTON ROHN**  
 Elton John Tribute - Ontario, Canada  
**VENETIAN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**  
 Dusk on Round Lake  
**SPECTACULAR HARBOR FIREWORKS**  
 Immediately following the Boat Parade



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To register for the Venetian Games, visit [www.venetianfestival.com/games](http://www.venetianfestival.com/games)